



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

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To: Veterinary Colleagues

Subject: New Trichomonosis Laws

*Effective October 5, 2007, the laws protecting California's cattle from bovine trichomonosis will change, and **these changes may affect your practice**. The requirements include:*

1. Veterinarians must be approved to test for trichomonosis. Approvals will be renewed every two years and may be renewed with the brucellosis contracts.
2. Positive trichomonosis cases must be reported to CDFA within two days of diagnosis.
3. All trichomonosis tests are official tests; animals require official identification and samples must be evaluated in approved laboratories.
4. **Confirmation of positive test results by PCR may be requested – but is not required.**
5. All test results, including negative tests, must be reported to your local Animal Health Branch (AHB) office on a form supplied by CDFA within 30 days.
6. CDFA will investigate cases, notify owners of potentially exposed cattle, and **quarantine bulls** in affected and exposed herds.
7. **Bulls from affected herds** require three negative tests at least seven but not more than 28 days apart, to move anywhere except slaughter.
8. **Bulls from exposed herds** require one negative test before movement.
9. **Bulls 18 months of age and older sold at public saleyards in California** require a negative trichomonosis test within 60 days before sale or be consigned as slaughter only.
10. **Public auction yards** must post a notice in a prominent place stating, "*All bulls 18 months of age and older must have a negative trichomonosis test or be consigned as slaughter only.*"
11. **Bulls 18 months of age and older entering California** require a negative test within 60 days unless entering for slaughter, semen collection or exhibition (not commingling with other cattle).
12. **Pasture-to-pasture bulls** require a negative test within 12 months.

If you need more information, would like to become an approved veterinarian, or have your laboratory approved, please contact your local AHB office.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

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State Veterinarian

Enclosures

